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PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT AND PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procurement of wheat and paddy in Punjab and Haryana through wholesale middlemen is permissible;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to procure the foodgrains of small and medium farmers, who are unable to bring their produce to the procurement centres through wholesale middlemen;

(d) whether the Government has received any request from various States including Uttar Pradesh in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (f): Procurement of wheat and paddy from the farmers in the State of Punjab and Haryana is made in the mandis of these States through Aarthias who facilitates such procurement.

In all other States, procurement is made directly or through Cooperative Societies.

To encourage Small and Medium farmers, procurement is encouraged through Societies, Self-help Group and Cooperative Societies who are given commission at the rate of 2% for wheat and 2.5% for paddy procurement.